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Dear Attorney-General,

**Re: Follow up on Meeting regarding the Coronial Project**

Thank you for your time during our productive meeting of Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> October, during which we discussed ongoing concerns with the recently completed Coroner's investigation into the Coronial Project relating to autopsy remains retained without consent by the R.A. Rodda Museum of Pathology.

As discussed, I welcome your update that you wrote last month to both the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and the Tasmanian Police Commissioner requesting they examine any potential action and investigation stemming from the Coroner's Final Findings reports.

Further, I note as part of that update the Health Minister is also following up on any necessary changes required in the State Service Codes of Conduct to help ensure that the actions which led to this situation cannot be repeated.

I look forward to any updates on those potential further lines of inquiry when possible.

While we noted that some of the experiences and concerns surrounding the Coronial Project and its conduct may be relevant for the current Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's review of the *Coroners Act 1995*, our meeting also acknowledged that in itself will not suffice to address the pain, anger, trauma and lack of resolution experienced by many whose loved one was subject to the Coronial Project investigation.

Of pressing concern is the urgent need for formal acknowledgment that while the events described in the Coroner's Findings may be considered historic, the re-traumatisation and pain felt by many is current.

Hence, I take this opportunity to reiterate that while I appreciate the need to manage expectations, the government's ongoing silence in recognising the re-traumatisation and need for actual answers and resolution felt by many Tasmanians is open to misinterpretation. For those affected people contacting my office, they are feeling badly let down by the lack of specific answers provided by the Coroner's Findings, and feel they are now being ignored when seeking those answers.

In the worst case scenario, this silence is open to being construed as a cover-up by authorities, and in other scenarios it may be interpreted as lack of compassion or interest by government.



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Recognising some may be seeking clarification of exactly where the fault lies that saw body parts of their loved ones retained without consent by the Rodda Museum, for others formal recognition from the state that this should not have happened would make a huge difference. It would provide them significant reassurance the indignity inflicted upon their deceased loved one has been recognised at the highest level, and that they have done right by their loved one by pursuing such acknowledgment. That may assist in providing much needed resolution, and possibly even a sense of peace at some stage into the future.

I genuinely believe, as stated during our meeting, the potential beneficial impact of any constructive acknowledgement provided by a timely formal State Apology cannot be underestimated, particularly should it accompany updates regarding potential further investigations by the DPP and/or Tasmania Police.

In this context, I am very cognisant that the anniversary of the advert containing the list of names which sparked this trauma for so many Tasmanians is the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. I urge serious consideration by yourself and government to ensure that a formal and public update is provided sooner rather than later, and definitely well before that milestone measuring 12 months of shock and trauma for so many, is reached.

Once again, on behalf of the many Tasmanians who have contacted my office on this matter, as well as all those others affected, thank you for your consideration of these matters. I wish to reiterate my willingness to continue working constructively with you to deliver appropriate resolution avenues for affected families, as well as a timely formal apology on behalf of the state. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,



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*Cc: Hon. Bridget Archer MP, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing*